



# THE PROCLAIMER

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## Let's Keep Christ In Christmas!



It began in a manger!

It began over 2000 years ago in a stable with straw and animals. A baby was born to a woman picked by God to birth the Savior of the world. She had never known a man, in an intimate way and yet Joseph, was her soon to be husband. In today's standard, that would be an accepted thing, not married, yet finding herself pregnant, so the couple get married. It was a horrible thing then and people would talk, but Mary trusted God and God dealt with Joseph's heart so he knew this was an immaculate conception and not one by another man.

So Jesus Christ was born to this couple, who nurtured him and brought him up according to the traditions of the time, and yet, he was being trained by the very spirit of God to walk as man and as God. Without sin, he went about doing good, always. He is why we celebrate Christmas.....and why we give gifts, because He was the greatest gift to

mankind, ever!

It seems today, everywhere we look, people are being so careful to say Happy Holidays, rather than Merry Christmas. It seems more important to not offend someone rather than using the name of Christ in Christmas. Are you ashamed to let others know you are a believer? Then if you are not, you should be the example to others by saying, "Merry Christmas" or "have a blessed Christmas". When you approach greeters in stores that say happy holidays, reply back to them, using a phrase about Christmas. It is up to each individual to keep the real meaning of Christmas alive. If we are going to celebrate "the holidays", then why don't we do it the way it should be done?

The world we live in is continually in turmoil, but we can live in peace and portray that peace to others around us if we will just allow the spirit of God to come through us and reach out to the needs of others even if it's just a smile or a hug. Keep Christ in Christmas with your love for others, your care for the needs of people and your concern for those things which you can have a positive impact.

## Happy Birthday Jesus

When we celebrate birthdays, we usually include a card and a gift for that person to let them know we are thinking of them and they are much in our thoughts. However, when it comes to celebrating Christmas, we often forget why we are really having the season at all. Have you ever written a card to Jesus or bought a gift in His name to give to someone less fortunate. The scripture says , "Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me." (Matt 25:40) Whenever we meet the needs of other people, it is as if we are doing it for Jesus, Himself according to that scripture. Try this year to write something for the Lord or tell Him Happy Birthday , and then, put it into action by doing something for someone else in the name of the Lord.



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## A Christmas Poem

Twass the month before Christmas\*  
When all through our land,\*  
Not a Christian was praying\*  
Nor taking a stand.\*  
See the PC Police had taken away,\*  
The reason for Christmas - no one could say.\*  
The children were told by their schools not to sing,  
About Shepherds and Wise Men and Angels and things..  
It might hurt people's feelings, the teachers would say  
December 25th is just a ' Holiday '  
Yet the shoppers were ready with cash, checks and credit  
Pushing folks down to the floor just to get it!  
CDs from Madonna, an X BOX, an I-pod  
Something was changing, something quite odd!  
Retailers promoted Ramadan and Kwanzaa  
In hopes to sell books by Franken & Fonda.  
As Targets were hanging their trees upside down  
At Lowe's the word Christmas - was nowhere to be found.  
At K-Mart and Staples and Penny's and Sears

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You won't hear the word Christmas; it won't touch your ears.\*  
Inclusive, sensitive, Di-ver-si-ty\*

Are words that were used to intimidate me.\*

Now Daschle, Now Darden, Now Sharpton, Wolf Blitzen\*

On Boxer, on Rather, on Kerry, on Clinton !\*  
At the top of the Senate, there arose such a clatter\*

To eliminate Jesus, in all public matter.\*

And we spoke not a word, as they took away our faith\*

Forbidden to speak of salvation and grace\*

The true Gift of Christmas was exchanged and discarded\*

The reason for the season, stopped before it started.\*

So as you celebrate 'Winter Break' under your 'Dream Tree'\*

Sipping your Starbucks, listen to me.\*

Choose your words carefully, choose what you say\*  
Shout MERRY CHRISTMAS ,

not Happy Holiday !\*

Please, all Christians join together and

wish everyone you meet during the

holidays a

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Christ is The Reason for the Christ-mas Season!

## Christmas Letter From Jesus

*It has come to my attention that many of you are upset that folks are taking My name out of the season.*

*How I personally feel about the celebration can probably be most easily understood by those of you who have been blessed with children of your own.*

*I don't care what you call the day. If you want to celebrate my birth, just GET ALONG AND LOVE ONE ANOTHER.*

*Now, having said that, let Me go on. If it bothers you that the town in which you live doesn't allow a scene depicting My birth, then just get rid of a couple of Santas and snowmen and put in a small Nativity scene on your own front lawn. If all My followers did that there wouldn't be any need for such a scene on the town square because there would be many of them all around town.*

*Stop worrying about the fact that people are calling the tree a holiday tree, instead of a Christmas tree. It was I who made all trees. You can remember Me anytime you see any tree. Decorate a grape vine if you wish: I actually spoke of that one in a teaching, explaining who I am in relation to you and what each of our tasks were. If you have forgotten that one, look up John 15: 1-8*

*If you want to give Me a present in remembrance of My birth, here is My wish list. Choose something from it:*

- 1. Instead of writing protest letters objecting to the way My birthday is being celebrated, write letters of love and hope to soldiers away from home. They are terribly afraid and lonely this time of year. I know, they tell Me all the time.*
- 2. Visit someone in a nursing home. You don't have to know them personally. They just need to know that someone cares about them.*
- 3. Instead of writing the President complaining about the wording on the cards his staff sent out this year, why don't you write and tell him that you'll be praying for him and his family this year. Then follow up.....it will be nice hearing from you again.*
- 4. Instead of giving your children a lot of gifts you can't afford and they don't need, spend time with them. Tell them the story of My birth, and why I came to live with you down here. Hold them in your arms and remind them that I love them.*
- 5. Pick someone that has hurt you in the past and forgive him or her.*
- 6. Did you know that someone in your town will attempt to take their own life this season because they feel so alone and hopeless? Since you don't know who that person is, try giving everyone you meet a warm smile; it could make the difference.*
- 7. Instead of nit picking about what the retailer in your town calls the holiday, be patient with the people who work there...Give them a warm smile and a kind word, even if they aren't allowed to wish you a "Merry Christmas" that doesn't keep you from wishing them one. Then stop shopping there on Sunday. If the store didn't make so much money on that day, they'd close and let their employees spend the day at home with their families.*
- 8. If you really want to make a difference, support a missionary...especially one who takes My love and Good News to those who have never heard My name.*
- 9. Here's a good one. There are individuals and whole families in your town who not only will have no "Christmas" tree, but neither will they have any presents to give or receive. If you don't know them, buy some food and a few gifts and give them to the Salvation Army or some other charity which believes in Me and they will make the delivery for you.*
- 10. Finally if you want to make a statement about your belief in secret that you wouldn't do in My presence. Let people know by your actions that you are one of Mine.*

*Don't forget; I am God and can take care of Myself. Just love Me and do what I have told you to do. I'll take care of all the rest. Check out the list above and get to work; time is short. I'll help you, but the ball is now in your court. And do have a most blessed Christmas with all those whom you love and remember: **I LOVE YOU.....JESUS***